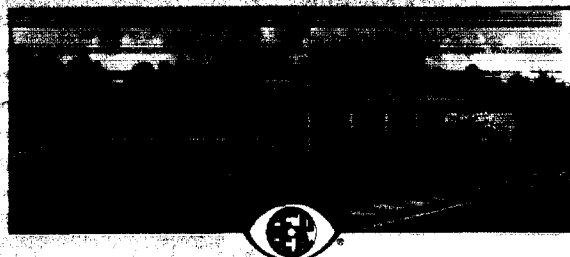


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Dear Sirs:

Please rescind the rule regarding an interview with a family member for donation of corneas. This does not in our opinion offer any great help to the patient receiving the cornea as (1) this will cause a greatly reduced number of corneas, and (2) the family members would probably not know the information they are being asked anyway. Also, the minutia of the problem being addressed with respect to the magnitude of the problems it is going to create far outweigh each other.

Therefore, we strongly request that you review this issue before making a final ruling with respect to interviews which would essentially knock out use of medical examiner corneas.

Yours sincerely,

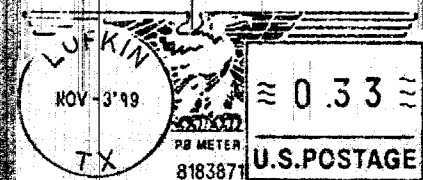
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